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Chris Eller, assistant professor of nursing, explains to Karen Bartlett how to give an infant a shot as Mary Burns and Rob Six watch. All three students are freshmen associate's degree nursing majors.

NURSING DEPARTMENT

Associate degree on way out

New BSN program would be ready for fall of 1995

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In an apparent move to keep up with current changes in the health-care system, the Missouri Southern nursing department has decided to add a different degree program.

But with the addition comes the phasing out of the current associate degree program.

At the March 25 Board of Regents meeting, the nursing department requested approval of a new bachelor's of science in nursing degree program. March 31 was the deadline for Southern to apply to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education; approval of the new degree should come by August.

"We on the faculty believe very strongly that this is the direction we should be going," said Anita Singleton, assistant professor of nursing. "It is the direction things seem to be moving in health care and in nursing."

She said the bachelor's degree is necessary because the entry-level degree for a nurse practitioner soon will be a master's in nursing.

Currently, students first enroll in Southern's associate degree program. After graduating with an A.S., they are eligible to take their state licensing boards.

After students become registered nurses and obtain the required core curriculum classes from Southern, they then are eligible to apply for the current bachelor's program. Only registered nurses are eligible for the current program.

Under the new plan, the last class admitted into the current associate degree program would be this fall's, with a 1996 graduation date.

If approved by the CBHE and the State Board of Nursing, the new bachelor's program would be available in the fall semester of 1995. The first class would admit 20, with the eventual enrollment to cap at 60.

Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing, said the change would be beneficial.

"In the past, most have stopped after completing the associate's degree," she said. "Some after taking the licensing exam, and some for not having all of the core requirements."

"We have had one or two go straight through, but most stop."

Box said many students look for this type of program when choosing a nursing school.

"We have so many students at

Southern who are taking the core curriculum classes while trying to get into the associate's degree program," she said. "They are thinking of the long-range plans."

Box said there is a need for this type of program in southwest Missouri.

"Currently, our students here in southwest Missouri have to go to Missouri Western, Central Missouri State University, William Jewell, or the University of Missouri-Columbia," she said. "We would like to have something to offer them."

Box said there are advantages to the BSN degree over the associate's program.

"There is projected to be an excess of associate's degrees beyond the year 2000 and a shortage of bachelor of science degrees," she said. "Right now, you do not notice many positions being advertised that (do not) require the BSN for certain positions."

"There are nurses moving into the Joplin area with bachelor's and master's degrees. As long as they keep doing that, the associate's degree graduate may have quite a bit competition in applying for jobs."

"I'd like to make sure our graduates are prepared for the health-care needs of our area and nationally."

ELECTION '94

'Dark day' for education

State leaders ponder how to replace funds

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Higher education and Missouri Southern may have lost a bundle on slot machines.

Tuesday's statewide defeat of Missouri Constitutional Amendment No. 3 has put the entire state's budget process in doubt and could jeopardize funds intended for projects here. The amendment would have allowed games of chance on riverboats in Missouri.

Specifically, the measure's failure in the polls has cast doubt on funding for renovations at Spiva Library, Matthews Hall, and Taylor Auditorium. The funds originally budgeted by the House for these projects total \$135,747. Additionally, funds from gaming proceeds slated for capital improvements at Southern may be at risk. These monies amount to \$480,658.

College President Julio Leon said the library renovations have been necessary for some time.

"Parts of the social science and communications departments used to be located on the first

floor of the library," he said. "Ever since they moved, we have requested money to renovate those areas."

The work may not be done anytime soon, either.

"Unless we come up with some dollars, I don't see those things getting done," said Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin). "It's a whole new ballgame now. We need to reevaluate the lottery gaming funds bills for maintenance and capital improvements."

"We need to look at everything again."

House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) said higher education as a whole would suffer from the defeat of riverboat gambling.

"I don't see any way of restoring money for higher education," he said. "Elementary and secondary schools will not benefit from this, either."

"From a funding standpoint, this is a dark day for education."

Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia), House budget committee chairman, told the committee some funds may be restored from a few sources.

"Although slot machines are

the big money makers on the boats, the [Missouri] Gaming Commission thinks three of the four companies will be ahead with the boats," Kelly said. "They estimate that will bring in about \$15 million. The lottery has also given us an update and should produce about \$10 million more."

"The best-case scenario is that we would have \$25 million instead of \$69 million, although I think that \$15 million estimate from the boats is too optimistic."

On the other side of the Capitol, Sen. Norman Merrell (D-Monticello), appropriations chairman, said most decisions will be made in conference committee.

"I am going to recommend tomorrow that anytime the House and the Senate have gaming interests [in their proposed budget bills] that the Senate take its position back to zero," he said. "That will automatically throw it all back into conference."

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COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

Southern tightens its fiscal belt

Officials request department heads to conserve funds

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A decrease in full-time enrollment has found the College tightening its budgetary "belt."

In a March 29 memo to Southern budget administrators, Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, requested that departments "carefully evaluate" all expenses which might occur before the end of the fiscal year.

The memo stated that "any supply, postage, printing or travel funds which could be restricted would be very beneficial."

Tiede said declining enrollment for the fall and spring semesters has played a large role in this request. Fall enrollment dropped 3.8% from the fall of 1992, and spring enrollment

dipped 3.1% from the spring of 1993.

"Every year after we determine what the [student tuition] fee is and it is approved, we estimate what the student enrollment will be," Tiede said. "Last year we decided to keep it level with the previous year, but it was down both semesters."

For the 1993-94, College officials projected \$8.5 million in student fee revenues as part of a \$23.5 million budget.

"We knew we were down last fall," Tiede said. "But we hoped the spring semester would be ahead. It just didn't turn out that way."

"It's not unusual for one semester's enrollment to be up and another be down."

Tiede said he has asked department heads to look at their budgets and not spend any extra funds which might become available at the end of the semester.

"There is no target figure [to save]," he said. "They just need to look at each expenditure carefully."

While such constraints sometimes make budget administrators cringe, most department heads on campus are not overly concerned.

"It's not going to adversely affect us," said Pete Havely, music department head. "I have to say we don't have much left."

"I feel that there will be some areas, such as the telephone budget, where we'll be able to leave money in. But there are some areas [in our budget] where we are already at zero."

Dr. James Sandrin, head of the department of education, said his department would have to work to save money.

"We don't have any extra money, so we'll just have to watch what we spend," Sandrin said. "We'll do the best we can. There are some things we can do, such as not buying instructional materials and resources."

Dr. Betsy Griffin, head of the department of psychology, agreed.

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SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

College community mourns loss of colleague, teacher, friend

By KAYLEA HUTSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A long-time Missouri Southern faculty member and advocate of affirmative action and equal rights has died.

Dr. Judy L. Conboy, professor of sociology, died at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday at her home in Joplin after complications related to cancer.



Conboy

A remembrance service will be held at 5 p.m. tomorrow in Taylor Auditorium with the Rev. William Christman, College President Julio Leon, and Karen Schaffer officiating. Members of the faculty and staff of the sociology department will be seated as a group. The service is open to the public.

Conboy, 53, was born on Nov. 26, 1940, in Neosho. She lived most of her life in Joplin.

She is survived by two sons, Zachary Grant, of Atlanta, Ga., and Jeffrey Grant, of Dallas, Texas, a brother, Larry Conboy, of Albuquerque, N.M.; a sister, Linda Harthcock, of the home; and a niece, Allison Harthcock, a 1993 Southern graduate.

Conboy received a B.A. in social science in 1964, an M.S. in sociology in 1966, and an Ed.S. in education and sociology in 1975, all from Pittsburg State University. She received a Ph.D. in sociology in 1978 from Kansas State University.

Conboy began teaching at Southern in 1969. She was head of the social science department at Southern from 1981 to 1988, the first woman to hold such a position on campus. She served as director of the Helen E. Boylan Symposium at Southern and was a member of the screen-

ing committee for the academic vice president.

"I talked with Dr. Conboy at the hospital, and she felt the College had made the right choice in choosing [Dr. Erik] Bitterbaum," said Dr. David Tate, head of the social science department. "She took an active role in the [decision] process."

On March 7, Conboy was honored with a Missouri State Senate proclamation sponsored by Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) for her outstanding achievements both in higher education and in the state.

She received the 1993 Outstanding Teacher Award from Southern, and on Dec. 2 received an award presented by Gov. Mel Carnahan for excellence in higher education.

Many colleagues and students reflected yesterday on their affiliation with Conboy.

"She was my office mate for three years when we were in the



Gov. Mel Carnahan (right) congratulates Dr. Judy Conboy on Dec. 2.

Mansion," said Dr. Allen Merriam, professor of communications. "When I was leaving for classes she would say, 'Well, stamp out ignorance.'"

"I remember when I visited her in the hospital a few weeks ago that I said it seemed so unfortunate that she was sick when she

had so much to contribute to students. She said something like, 'Well, maybe this is one more thing I can contribute to students,' meaning her example to cope with illness and death."

"She was an inspiration to people who knew her."

Tate said Conboy enjoyed working with students.

"She really liked students," he said. "She was one of the best advisers I've ever seen. She had people coming into her office all of the time."

"She was so caring. She reached some students over the years that others couldn't reach."

Deborah Wood, senior history and sociology major, said she would remember one of Conboy's favorite teaching methods.

"She used cheers to get us to learn how to spell bourgeoisie," Woods said. "She broke us into groups of threes and then would

want us to cheer."

"Then when she turned around and wrote it on the board, she misspelled it."

Syerra Conklin, junior history and sociology major, remembered another humorous instance involving Conboy.

"She was having a serious conversation with a student," Conklin said, "and she stopped in the middle and said, 'There's dirt on my shoe.' She couldn't reach it, so she took out a Kleenex and called to a young man standing in the hall and asked him to clean her shoe."

"After he did, she thanked him, took the Kleenex and threw it away, and then turned to the student and said, 'Now, where were we?'"

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Dr. Judith Conboy Memorial Scholarship through the Missouri Southern Foundation.

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



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| 1 | 03/29/94 LOT22 | 10:44 a.m. | A domestic disturbance occurred when a man, separated from his wife, a Missouri Southern student, tried to approach her despite her having an ex parte against him. The man was ordered off the campus. |
| 2 | 03/30/94 LOT 34 | 11:50 a.m. | Dorothea Bysor reported that someone had run into the back of her vehicle. There was damage to the car's bumper and trunk lid and red-orange paint was found on the vehicle. |
| 3 | 03/31/94 BSC | 12:30 p.m. | Security responded to a call about a fight. The officers found and separated the two students fighting, John Mitchell and Melvin Monet. |
| 4 | 04/04/94 MCCORMICK | 5:45 p.m. | A residence hall student reported receiving three menacing phone calls from a party she thought she recognized. As the suspected caller is not a student, the victim was advised to call Joplin police. |
| 5 | 04/05/94 LOT 23 | 12:26 p.m. | Security attended the calls of three residence hall students whose car tires had been flattened by knife punctures by an unknown party. The cars were parked close together by McCormick Hall. |
| 6 | 04/06/94 SPIVA LIBRARY | 10:05 p.m. | Campus security found that someone had left a threatening message on a library employee's work phone. Security was able to trace the call to a number on campus. |

SOURCE: Campus Security Office

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"I think the main thing is that it might put off spending on things this semester until next semester," she said. "We'll wait until after this budget year."

Griffin said one thing the psychology department might look at is postponing the printing of some items for the fall semester until the next budget year.

"We have enough supplies on hand to see us through this

year," she said. "We just won't be ordering anything additional. It may make us delay a few things, but I don't see it having any major noticeable difference."

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, said he did not view the memo as adversely affecting his school.

"I saw the memo as merely a caution not to overspend or buy things that we didn't really need

because of the budget crunch," Gray said. "I see us not buying some things that I might have bought."

"I see us looking for ways to be more efficient than in the past and still doing our jobs."

While enrollment has been down this year, Tiede projects an increase next year based on demographics.

STUDENT SENATE

Changes spark concern

Senate discusses split graduation, forms committee

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

A resolution to create a student commencement planning committee was unanimously approved by the Student Senate last night.

Cami Davey, Senate president, said she wrote the resolution because she was concerned about changes made in the commencement ceremony.

"Changes occurred this year, and almost no attempt was made to get student input," she said.

The resolution reads: "Whereas, the purpose of a graduation ceremony is to honor those students who have successfully completed a baccalaureate or associate degree.

"Whereas, discontent has been expressed by the students due to a lack of participation in the planning process of the graduation

ceremony.

"Whereas, students are both willing and capable to provide positive input and innovative ideas for improving and personalizing their graduation ceremony.

"Be it resolved: Student representatives should be appointed to work in committee with faculty and administration to provide input for the planning of commencement ceremonies. The committee should contain at least, but not limited to, three graduating student representatives of each academic school. The student representatives must be graduating seniors and should be appointed no later than nine months prior to their scheduled date of commencement."

Davey said the resolution will be given to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, who then will give it to College President Julio Leon.

In other business, the Senate granted two allocation requests. It also allotted \$50 to plant a tree in memory of Dr. Judy L. Conboy, professor of sociology,

who died Tuesday.

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers was given \$324.10 to attend the SME Leadership Regional Meeting tomorrow and Saturday in Kansas City.

Funds from the Senate will be used to rent a van to transport members attending and the materials to be used in seminars and workshops the society will present, said Abby McCloud, sophomore computer-aided drafting and design major.

LEX, the Legal Studies Club, was allocated \$200 to attend the University of Missouri-Kansas City school of law continuing legal education seminar April 14 in Joplin.

Funds will be used for the \$25 registration fee.

Participants from Missouri Southern will serve as jurors for a mock trial at the event. For that service, the group was given a discount for registration. The standard fee is \$55.

"Students get a chance to meet and mingle with the lawyers," said Dr. Michael Yates, LEX adviser.

COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

Day promotes foreign language

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Using language as a "passport" to broadened opportunities, the communications department again sponsored this year's Modern Foreign Language Field Day.

Lisa Crawford, instructor in communications, helped organize Tuesday's event for area secondary schools. Several competitions and events were held to encourage language development.

"The purpose is not only to compete but also to interact among students with similar interests and goals and to promote further study of foreign languages and cultures," Crawford said.

Events included vocabulary

bees, verb bees, a culture bowl, and a poster contest. One of the more unique events was a "Who Am I?" contest.

"The idea is that they are supposed to do some research on a person in history and dress like the person and tell, in the target language, about that person," Crawford said. "From that, they have a learning experience through the research and telling about it."

Conversation stations, where students could earn "money," encouraged students to actually speak the languages.

Participants could spend the money at a store set up with buttons, pencils, and other items.

The day has been termed "modern" because it does not include Latin.

The languages covered are Spanish, French, German, and Japanese.

Crawford said the only faculty member at Southern who can help with the Japanese competitions is Bill Carter, assistant professor of communications. She said several Springfield teachers assist in the Japanese events.

Crawford said students and faculty from Missouri Southern also help a great deal to pull off the day.

Students grade tests, act as doorkeepers, and help in the conversation stations.

The art department helped judge the poster contest, and Dr. Bill Tannenbaum, assistant professor of history, assisted in the German "Who Am I?" competition.

Original Biospherian to lecture Tuesday

Missouri Southern students will have a chance to learn about an experimental biological venture next week.

Linda Leigh, the terrestrial ecosystems manager for the Biosphere 2 crew during the 1991-93 term, will address students at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in

the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Leigh was one of the original members of the first crew to live for 24 months in the tightly sealed glass and steel structure on 3.15 acres near Oracle, Ariz. Scientists have created seven

complete ecosystems or biomes that mirror those of the Earth.

The systems include an ocean, a desert, a savannah, a rain forest, a marsh, an area of intensive agriculture, and a human habitat. The project is designed to be ongoing for 100 years to help scientists understand how the world works.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Master's program sought

Accounting majors may find Southern with CPAs needs

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Though Missouri Southern is an undergraduate institution, the College's accounting students may get a taste of graduate-level work in the future.

Dr. James Shaver, professor of accounting, said the College is in the planning phase of a master's degree in accounting. The degree would be instituted to give accounting majors interested in becoming certified public accountants the chance to meet CPA requirements without taking non-accounting electives.

"The demand [for the master's degree] is brought on by change in the accounting laws," he said.

The new laws require CPAs to have no fewer than 150 credit hours; for a bachelor of science degree in accounting only 128 hours are needed at Southern. While students could take electives to fill the other 22 hours, Shaver said it would be more useful for them to have a mas-

ter's degree in accounting.

"It makes sense," said Shaver, who is serving as the chairman for the master of accounting faculty committee which is shaping the program. "They could take as many hours as they wanted in basket weaving, but it won't help them pass the CPA exam."

Shaver said 40 to 60 accounting students graduate per year and that many of those want to become CPAs. However, he said Southern is not planning a large master's program.

"We never expected to be a monster," Shaver said. "We think we will have enough demand. Not only will we be dealing with people who need it for the exam, but also those who want it to further their career."

Shaver said the program would have to be approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Missouri Western State College also will be applying for an accounting master's degree program, and Southern wants to keep an eye on Western's application process.

"We hope to learn what to do or not to do from them," he said.

Southern, however, is planning a slightly different program than Western.

"We're looking at the more

innovative program with some courses outside the school of business," Shaver said.

Some areas Southern is considering adding to the accounting curriculum are communications and social sciences.

"Communication skills are just essential for an accountant," he said. "An accountant is the communicator of financial information. We are considering in the social sciences [a class] in cultural diversity or understanding. A course of that sort would give our students an edge."

No matter how the program develops, Shaver said students will not see the results of the planning until the fall of 1995, at the earliest.

"We are using all of this academic year for the planning phase," he said. "[We will probably need] another year for the application processes."

He said there will be some cost for implementing the degree program, but with plans still underway, the amount is unknown. However, he also said the CBHE will likely consider this when Southern applies.

"The Coordinating Board, if they approve the program," Shaver said, "know they are also approving a larger allocation [to Southern]."

FOREIGN EXCHANGE



Area high school and junior high students browse through "the store" where they could exchange "money" earned in the conversation station, one of the events for the communications department's Modern Foreign Language Field Day held Tuesday.

SECURITY

Patrol put aside until volunteers gathered

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Without even getting a chance to be tested, the LION patrol is facing setbacks due to an apparent lack of interest.

Craig Richardson, crime prevention and public relations officer, announced that the patrol, which would have provided people on campus late at night with a sense of security, has been "postponed" until the fall semester. Richardson said he does not understand why more students did not volunteer.

"Honestly, I don't know," he said. "I attribute it to apathy. People would come in and pick up applications and never turn them in, and many would ask questions about it and not pick up an application."

"Everybody says it's a good idea, but they don't want to get involved."

Despite using fliers, personal contacts, and a story in *The Chart*, Richardson received only five volunteer applications. He needed at least eight people to start the program.

"I think everything was laid out," he said. "But I'm not going to have just two or three people run it, and I want to have this all the time—I want it to be a viable project and have it continuously."

The LION patrol would have utilized pairs of volunteers to escort people on campus to their vehicles or other buildings to help minimize the chance of attacks. Also, Richardson would have used the volunteers for public events, such as sporting events and the Fourth of July celebration, to control traffic and other areas of security concern.

For next fall, he expressed an interest in contacting campus organizations and the College Orientation program to help spread the word about the patrol.

Richardson is also interested in hearing student, faculty, and staff ideas of how to attract people to the volunteer program. Anyone interested in offering suggestions or wanting more information about the LION patrol may call 626-2222 or 625-9391 or go to the campus security office behind Matthews Hall.

MATHEMATICS

Galileo, equations subjects of papers

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow and Saturday, Missouri Southern will host a joint meeting of the Missouri Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA), Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics (MCTM), and Missouri Mathematics Association for the Advancement of Teacher Training.

The theme this year is "Mathematics in Medicine."

"There will be talks on math and presentations on math education," said Mary Elick, assistant professor of mathematics. "Attendance will probably be around 200 people."

Six student papers are scheduled to be presented. The topics range from "A general solution to the cubic equation" to "Archimedes' quadrature of the parabola." Tom Wofford, a senior physics major from Southern, is scheduled to speak on "Galileo: Proportions, Parabolas, and Projectiles."

"He'll be speaking on how Galileo worked out the fact

that when you throw something in the air it follows an arc," Elick said.

Also scheduled to speak are seven Southern alumni on careers in mathematics. Elick, Robyn Caruthers, Robert Dampier, Sara Sleglinger, Robert Stokes, Mike Tharp, and Analee Witt.

"Some of the alumni have stayed in the area," Elick said. "Others have gone all over the world."

J. Wanzer Drane, from the department of epidemiology and biostatistics, school of public health, University of South Carolina, is the scheduled speaker on Saturday night.

"He will be speaking on the use of geographic information systems as a tool for investigating the relationship between electrical power lines and cancer," Elick said.

Speakers during the week-end are coming from all over the country.

"The Student Senate really helped us out," Elick said.

"They gave us extra money for transportation costs and the like."

SALAMANCA

Five planning trip to support studies

Students, faculty will attend school in Spain for cultural understanding

By BRANDI MANNING
STAFF WRITER

This summer, a contingency of four Missouri Southern students and faculty members will have the opportunity to travel to the sunny shores of Salamanca, Spain, to study.

Salamanca is in the northwest region of Spain and boasts one of the oldest universities in the world and the oldest in Spain.

Jennifer Anderson, junior Spanish and communications major; Shauna Seward, junior biology and communications major; Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing; and Lisa Crawford, instructor in Spanish, will attend this year's study trip. Judy Bastian, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, has helped to arrange the June 30-Aug. 14 trip.

"The students will be participating in an academic and cultural orientation," Bastian said. "As a part of the program, there are some Saturday and Sunday excursions to historical and cul-

tural places of interest."

The orientation program will help to determine the format of the excursions.

"If [the students'] Spanish is good enough, the excursions will be conducted in Spanish," Bastian said. "If they are beginning students, then the excursions are done in English."

The trip to Salamanca is sponsored by the University of Rhode Island and the Colegio de Espana in Spain. The trips are funded by Southern.

Box said she has wanted to travel to Salamanca for quite a while.

"I have been taking [Spanish] courses here at Southern, and I knew several professors had [participated in it]," she said. "I set it as a goal, that one of these days I would attend."

Box said she tried to take enough Spanish classes in order to gain a competency in the language.

"I think it is the language for health-care professionals to take," she said. "It's one of the largest growing populations in

America. They need health care."

Crawford has been to Spain four or five times already and has visited many other European countries such as France and the British Isles.

"I went to Salamanca on my trip last summer to see the town because I know the history of the area," she said. "I'm taking two courses there that are on a graduate level [this summer]."

Anderson and Seward also will take courses in Spain. Both are in Crawford's class studying Spanish culture.

"We have been studying some of the history and culture of Spain, and I have shown them movies of the things we will see over there," Crawford said. "It will make a lot of the things I have talked about come alive."

"The students will be taking some side trips around Salamanca. We'll be going to the southern part to see some of the Arab culture left there."

Crawford will be going to Spain a week early so that she will be prepared for the students when they arrive.

This will be the third trip Southern students and faculty have taken to Spain.

MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule:

Lecture

Thursday, April 21, 1994-12:20 p.m.-WH211

Test

Thursday, April 28, 1994-12:20 p.m.-WH211

All out-of-state students who plan to graduate in May, 1994 or July, 1994 who have not taken U.S. Govt. in a Missouri college should see Dr. Martin, Rm. H-318 on or before April 19 to sign up to take the test.

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OUR EDITORIALS

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Penny-pinch: College should have planned for budgetary shortfalls earlier

What's going on here?

Senior Vice President John Tiede recently sent a memo to all budget administrators asking them to "carefully evaluate" any expenses which might be avoided before the end of the fiscal year, leaving us to wonder why the College just recently noticed the coffers are starting to run dry.

Each year the College estimates enrollment, and, therefore, student fees, and incorporates the figure into the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Unfortunately, the College overestimated just a little this year, and thus Missouri Southern's quandary.

Tiede said College officials knew as early as last fall the numbers were down, but they "hoped" the spring semester would even the balance. If they knew last fall, why didn't they say so and take

action then? When dealing with a \$23 million budget, "hoping" seems like a dangerous managerial style.

This whole episode is akin to handing a child a bag of candy, and after the youngster has devoured three-fourths of it, admonishing him or her for spoiling their dinner.

If College officials knew last fall there could be problems at the end of fiscal year, they should have acted then. To expect budget administrators and department heads to ante up when the College passes around the hat is curious, especially this late in the fiscal year.

No doubt Southern will save the money it says it can't afford to spend. After all, when it comes to cutting budgets and scraping by, we've become old pros.

Bad bet: Voters torpedo riverboat gambling, put higher education in deep water

When Missouri voters sank riverboat gambling Tuesday, they may have set Missouri Southern financially adrift.

With a little more than \$60 million in one-time monies from the gaming proceeds budgeted for higher education, things began to look up. Now, because of the measure's defeat, lawmakers must go back to square one with their budgets and colleges must pinch their pennies.

Even worse, the defeat of riverboat gambling does

not bode well for a video lottery proposal to benefit higher education. Without these funds, colleges will continue to pare back services, use buildings in disrepair, and raise tuition all the while.

Instead of seeing gaming as revenue without a tax hike, voters looked at the issues through the stained glass of morality arguments. How unfortunate.

House Speaker Bob Griffin called Tuesday a dark day for higher education. Dark nothing, it was pitch black.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them at (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Article contains several errors, dean says

The article "Removal of Stipulation" by P. J. Graham in the March 31, 1994, issue of *The Chart* contained several errors. The ratio of 18 to 1 is not applied to advisors but to student teachers. Our advisors carry advisement loads of from 70 to 90 students. A supervisor (college fac-

ulty) is not to have more than 18 student teachers to supervise. Previously our supervisors had a ratio of 1 to 23. It was not Southwest Missouri State University who failed to meet NCATE standards. It was the University of Missouri. I will personally write to the president of SMSU and apologize for

the error. I would appreciate it if you would print these corrections in your next issue. Thank you!

Dr. Edward Merryman
Dean, School of Education
and Psychology

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Out like a lamb

Lack of volunteers stifles LION patrol

Pathy. Lack of enthusiasm. Indifferent. Disinterested. However you may want to term what happened to the ambitious LION patrol, it can be easily described in one word—pathetic.

The LION patrol, which Craig Richardson of campus security attempted to start, has been dropped until the fall.

Why? Because not enough students volunteered. The patrol that would have provided people a sense of safety as they walked across campus in the evening hours has been temporarily halted.

Some may ask how many students were asked to volunteer. Dozens? Richardson needed only eight people to start the program. Eight.

We have more than 5,000 students at Missouri Southern, and a good number of them are willing to gripe and complain about security anytime something happens on campus. In class, while sitting in the lounge, in letters to *The Chart*, I've heard people joke about the campus security and how they are "inadequate" for the job. Yet, with all of these "concerned" students, this campus could not generate enough interest to actually do something about safety.

Let's take a look at College security as a whole. We have very little crime on this campus compared to other

institutions. And security can work only with what it is given; it can't hire more officers on a whim. And those officers we have not only do what is considered "normal" security duties—they collect recyclables on campus, distribute emergency guides, make fire inspections, and are responsible for making student IDs most of the year.

By P.J. Graham
Managing Editor



I must admit—I thought I couldn't help with the patrol because of my schedule.

However, Richardson is willing to work with people's schedules in order to get assistance.

Students have mentioned other reasons for believing themselves inadequate for the job; some say they are hardly big or strong enough to assist security. But the patrol is set up so escorts work in pairs. Anyone calling to be walked to their car at 11 p.m. will have two people with him or her; the likelihood of a criminal attacking a group of three is much lower than it is for someone walking alone.

Also, volunteers are not supposed to initiate heroic actions. They would be there to help if put in the situation where no one else can, but otherwise would contact the proper authorities. So almost anyone's willingness to help in the program would be appreciated by Richardson.

It is hoped that in the fall the LION patrol actually will get a chance to roar.

IN PERSPECTIVE

A matter of ethics

Morals, not culture, guide vegetarians

It happens regularly. At a gathering, I am offered a meat, a hot dog, hamburger, or drum stick, and I turn it down.

My action is explained, often by someone other than myself, as "Paul is a vegetarian."

Then someone will ask, "Why?" If I responded, "It's healthier," little more would be said, but when I say, "For ethical reasons," talk lingers on my diet. Given the opportunity, I try to explain.

I say that suffering is bad. Animals suffer during the process of being raised, transported, and slaughtered so that they can adorn the plates of humans. Since we should minimize suffering, vegetarianism is a moral imperative.

Besides, animals are a lot like us. They have feelings and desires which means they have rights, not all the same rights we have but some very basic rights—the right not to suffer, the right to be left alone, the right not to be eaten.

These claims are controversial. This is to be expected, but I've noticed an odd recurrence: people get angry when exposed to vegetarianism, as if an alternative diet is some evil scourge against which a new crusade should be fought. Tradition can explain part of this response. Unusual things can be disturbing, but I believe there is some-

thing more involved, something hidden away in people's minds, something fearful.

The language of food hints at the secret. People don't eat cows. They eat beef or steak. People don't eat calves.

They eat veal. People don't eat pigs. They eat pork or bacon or ham. In

fact, people don't eat animals. They eat meat.

And look what comes out of "meat-packing plants" (another comforting twist of language used in place of "slaughterhouse"): a nicely packaged, wholesome-looking product. No hair. No eyes. No hint of suffering. No sign that what you are eating ever had a face.

All the packaging, adjusted language, and calculated ignorance is done because people don't want to think about what they're eating, but vegetarianism forces the issue. At some basic level people believe in animal rights; most people believe that animals shouldn't suffer without good reason. We may define "good reason" differently and thus draw the line in different places on issues such as animal experimentation, but we can argue over that because the claim can at least be made that animal research is necessary. No such claim can be made about eating animals.

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HOOD, page 5



By Paul Hood
Student Senator

AGE: 23
BACKGROUND: Hood, a senior English major, is also a member of the College's debate squad.



Illustration/Chris Lassiter

"Only the suppressed word is dangerous."

—Ludwig Borne

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MOLLY IVINS

Now Cold War over, CIA should 'close the show'

Leonard reviews into agency, finds abuse of its own charter

Here in the Athens of the South is a full-scale replica of the Parthenon, ever so much better than the real one on account of (a) it's not falling apart and (b) you don't have to climb to get to it. Besides, it's not far from the Museum of Beverage Containers or the Museum of Tobacco Art.

My favorite fact about the Parthenon of Nashville is when the city dedicated the statue of Pallas Athena that now graces it, they invited as their guest of honor ex-King Constantine of Greece.

Understand that this was a celebration of the city's connection with Athens, the Cradle of Democracy. Not only an ex-king but one who owed his former throne to the Fascists. Nashville is a great town for delicious absurdities.

And so is our nation's capital,

which is now treating us to new and more wonderful adventures in the case of the Spy agency That Couldn't Shoot Straight. The Central Intelligence Agency has provided us with years of boffo entertainment, from the time it tried to make Fidel Castro's beard fall out to the day it was astonished at the collapse of the USSR. But the CIA has outdone itself in the matter of Aldrich Ames, the agent who paid \$540,000 in cash for a house on a \$69,843 salary, about which the CIA saw nothing odd.

The current issue of *The Nation*, the learned literary critic John Leonard reviews the CIA's history and discovers the agency is actually an exercise in deconstructionism. Much of the fun in Leonard's brilliant review consists of merely listing what the CIA has done: "... violated their own charter by spying on American citizens, opening our mail, establishing 7,200 files on us, with 300,000 names ... also experimenting with LSD and electroshock on unwitting and unconsenting psychiatric patients, besides plotting the assassinations of Castro in Cuba, Lumumba in the Congo, Abdul Kassem in Iraq, Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic, Ngo Dinh Diem in Vietnam and Schneider in Chile...."

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Ah, but we're only getting started here. In the long history of peoples who have been seduced, set up and abandoned by the CIA, I

thing the Kurds of Iraq win the prize for being three-time losers, but Leonard also nominates the Meo people in Laos, the Montagnards in Vietnam, the Dalai Lama's guerrillas in Tibet and two generations of insurgents in Eastern Europe.

Back in Langley, the CIA was looking out for our national security by investigation thought control, artificial intelligence, paranormal psychology, ESP, UFOs, life on other planets, astrology and—according to Leonard—doing a "theme analysis" of *Ramparts* magazine.

If I were as paranoid as Ross Perot, I'd conclude that this long

travesty of comedy, error and bloodshed could not possibly be the result of either accident or stupidity and that James Jesus

Angleton must have been a mole for the KGB. But I'm only a connoisseur of comedy, so I say: It's been a great show, we've really enjoyed it, we want to thank you guys for all your help in winning the Cold War, and now it's time to close the show. It's been fabulous farce, but we're trying to balance the budget and we can't

afford to put \$10 billion a year into an act that's getting really old. Langley should make a very nice shopping mall, your pensions are safe, go in peace and laughter.

But above all, go. Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



Photo: David J. Phillip

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GUN REGULATION

Right to bear arms should be tested

THE ECONOMIST

In most of the developed world, guns are the province of policemen, hunters, marksmen and certain criminals. They are seldom seen; they are used mainly by experts and do relatively little damage. In America, guns are found in roughly half the households. They are in the bedside drawer, the glove compartment, the hall cupboard, the school lunch box. Americans believe they need firearms and are not safe without them. Guns—particularly handguns—have become a national obsession, a social prop, a consumer item as addictive as cigarettes and as common as cars.

An alarming casual aura surrounds guns, from manufacture onwards. Through gaping holes in the legal network for the supply of guns, firearms flow steadily to criminal users on the streets. Almost all the illegality starts legally. The answer to those who say gun controls do not work, because only the law-abiding obey them, is simple.

There are so few controls that, when the law-abiding obey them, it makes no difference.

Most Americans want guns controlled—but not their own guns, and not too much. They want to take guns out of the hands of criminals, but mean to have one handy if a criminal comes up their stairs. They know that guns make it easier for criminals to kill; but guns also allow peaceful citizens to defend themselves. The causes of crime, which range from the social to the psychopathic, are considered too many and too deep for gun control to have much effect.

This confusion is reinforced by the fact that guns in America are so ordinary, they have become part of the furniture. This suggests that Americans should see guns in a different light. Forget the vexed connection between guns and crime. Consider instead the all-too-simple connection between guns and death.

Every year, 38,000 Americans die of gunshot wounds. More

Looking back in horror

A disturbing number of people nationwide were gunned down last year by mass murderers, all using handguns. Some notable random shootings:

► Jan. 25
Langley, Va.
Outside CIA
2 killed, 3 wounded

► July 1
San Francisco
At a law firm
8 killed, 6 wounded

► Aug. 7
Fayetteville, N.C.
At Luigi's Restaurant
4 killed, 7 wounded



► Oct. 17
El Cajon, Calif.
At health club
4 killed

► Oct. 18
Fort Knox, Ky.
At a Fort Knox training center
3 killed, 2 wounded

► Dec. 7
Garden City, N.Y.
On a commuter train
6 killed, 23 wounded

► Dec. 14
Aurora, Colo.
At a Chuck E. Cheese restaurant
4 killed

SOURCE: News reports

than half of those deaths are accidents and suicides, caused or encouraged by the fact that a loaded gun was readily at hand. Many Americans treat their guns with care and sense.

Plenty do not. If any other common household objects were found to be so dangerous to

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The Information Line

Job Tips from the Professionals

Understanding and effectively using help wanted ads is essential in opening the door to your career. Knowing how to utilize these ads can make the difference.

Your local newspaper will list many job openings. Pursue those that interest you by responding immediately via phone, fax, or mail. If you are thinking about relocating or want to expand your job possibilities, read the help wanted ads from out-of-town newspapers. Three great job sources on a national/international level are: *The National Ad Search*, *The International Employment Gazette*, and trade journals applicable to your major or field.

Old ads should not be overlooked. Employment opportunities advertised two to six weeks ago may still be open depending upon the position level. Today, jobs stay available longer because employers are more cautious during recessionary times.

Always follow up on all ads of special interest to you. Reapply even if you have already responded and have not heard from the firm. Before resending your resume and cover letter, look for ways to improve them. Many job seekers have received interviews and job offers because of this persistence.

Eliminating yourself from interesting ads is a mistake. Always respond to all ads worth clipping, even if your background does not exactly match the desired qualifications.

Warning: the help wanted ads are only 25 percent of all jobs available. Research in the library can uncover several companies or industries of interest. Try to find three or four contacts within a company and make them aware of your talents and availability.

Michael Lata's book *Job Search Secrets* may be found at your college bookstore or library, or order direct by calling 1-800-240-JOBS.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Man unable to part with deceased mother; keeps her seven years

By CHUCK SHEPHERD

UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

In what might set a new U.S. record for reluctance to part with deceased relatives, neighbors found the mummified body of Georgia Farrell on her sofa in Boise, Idaho, in March. Authorities said she probably died in 1987 at the age of 88, but the death was never reported by her son Robert, who lived in the house. One neighbor said she often asked Robert where his mother was, and that Robert replied, "Oh, she's in (the house)." (Last August, a Maple Heights, Ohio, man was reported not to have parted with his dead mother for two years.)

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mark A. Thomas announced in December that he would run for sheriff in Winston-Salem, N.C., this year. Thomas said he would be more effective at fighting crime than the incumbent because he is "criminally minded." He was convicted of theft in 1983 and of embezzlement a few years earlier.

According to a recently filed lawsuit, Utah state Sen. Sara Eubank, a women's rights advocate, fired her employee Jacqueline Hedberg, alleging that Hedberg's productivity had dropped drastically. The principal cause of Hedberg's loss of productivity was that she had not been able to recover emotionally from being raped in December 1992. Said a representative of the Utah National Organization for Women, "(The case) is a tough one for us."

In February, Vincent Castillo was jailed in Kenner, La., after illegally breaking into his mother's home in order to establish a "domicile" in Kenner so that he could run for mayor as a resident. In a previous attempt to establish a Kenner domicile, he said he lived in the vacant storefront of a pet shop he once ran.

In February, the Dutch parliament passed a law forcing farmers in the Netherlands to reduce the amount of animal dung they can produce by one-third. The country has so much livestock that the dung causes massive water pollution.

Farmers believe they can meet the new requirements by changing their livestock's diet.

The *Seattle Times* reported in February that staff members of Washington state Rep. Adam Smith could not describe to a reporter the workings of the "sexual devices" that would be restricted for sale in Smith's proposed legislation. The bill regulates the sale of books, magazines, films, etc., and also requires that devices for sale such as the "penisator" and the "vibrillator" be kept out of sight of minors.

As of mid-February, after six weeks in office, Mayor Freddie Goode of Liberty, Ky., has resolved clashes in his administration by firing four of the five members of the City Council (the fifth member is Mrs. Goode), the chief of police, the city administrator, two office employees, and the planning and zoning board. He attempted to have the council members arrested after their firing, and when the police chief refused, he ordered the chief arrested for "impersonating a police officer."

Tradition wins. Animals die. Vegetarianism only reminds people of the choice they never made, a reality they want to forget. Tradition is a powerful constraint, the path of least resistance. Can you remember the

A bill introduced in the Georgia legislature in January by Rep. Doug Teper of Alabama would require warnings in all hotel rooms that fornication, adultery and sodomy are illegal in the state. The bill also requires that the warnings be in Braille and "internationally recognized symbols," which were not specified.

Following the lead of former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura, who was elected mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minn., in 1992, Jerry Kennett, who wrestles as "Khan the Warlord," was elected mayor of Bunn, N.C., in November.

INEXPLICABLE

The *Washington Post* reported last year on the 9-year-old war between India and Pakistan over claim to the Siachen Glacier in the Himalayan Mountains. The countries have largely resolved other parts of their 46-year-old border dispute, but the battle over the glacier continues, despite its uninhabitability and the casualty rate: For every soldier who falls to hostile gunfire,

nine soldiers die from the blizzards, the treacherous footing on the ice-encrusted peaks, and wind chills reaching more than 150 degrees below zero.

In December, India's Pioneer newspaper reported that U.S. corporations' donations of relief goods for the victims of the September earthquake in rural Maharashtra state included the seldom-used products dental floss, contact lens cleaner and lubricants for sexual intercourse. The newspaper reported that an illiterate barber mistook the lubricant for shaving cream and used it on customers.

The life sentence of Taro the dog was commuted in February, permitting his release from the Bergen County Jail and his deportation from New Jersey. Taro had been sentenced to die under the state's "vicious dog" law, but appeals had continued until Taro had spent more than 1,000 days behind bars in his climate-controlled kennel and had cost state taxpayers more than \$100,000 in expenses.

THE WEIRDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

In February, Cincinnati police confiscated Maria Grueter's 1978 Chevy Chevette parked on a street after observing that it was "full of rats," according to an officer. Boxes, newspapers and food were crammed floor to ceiling in the car with enough room for a driver, and a dozen rats were visible from outside the car. After an examination at a hospital, Grueter was found to be mentally stable and in good health.

LEAST COMPETENT PERSON

Darpan Patel, 20, was arrested in Glastonbury, England, in August after he had gone to the local police station to ask a question about his driver's license. According to police, when they asked, Patel freely gave his name. However, he also told officers that there might be a warrant currently outstanding for his arrest, that he didn't have time to deal with it right then, but that he would come back later to take care of it. Officers checked, found the warrant, and promptly arrested him.

HOOD, from page 4

Exposure to an ethical vegetarian can be disturbing because two very potent concepts are being pitted against each other, tradition and compassion. Eating animals is very much a part of this culture, but the principle that animals shouldn't

suffer needlessly is simple and powerful. People would rather not confront a choice between these two forces, so they don't. They don't think. They don't decide. They don't choose. They settle into what is commonplace. Compassion loser.

Tradition wins. Animals die. Vegetarianism only reminds people of the choice they never made, a reality they want to forget.

Tradition is a powerful constraint, the path of least resistance. Can you remember the

first flesh given to you to eat? Since then you've eaten thousands of animals. You've been trained in, but if it had been different, if instead of being given "meat" at an early age, it had been put off until you were older and able to make an

informed decision, if all the facts on both sides had been given, how it is used in so many dishes, and how old a tradition it is, and how many people eat it, but also the truth of factory farms, and the suffering, and the slaughterhouses, if before

you were socialized to eat animals, you had been given a chance to understand, a chance to make your choice, not the choice culture trains you to make, what would you have decided?

MUSIC TO HIS EARS



Kimberly Hoover, a new admissions secretary, plays the bowed psaltery for her 3-year old son, Jacob.

ADMISSIONS

Mothering, music fill Hoover's time

By KIMBERLY HALL
CHART REPORTER

Believing and helping people achieve their goals is something Kimberly Hoover enjoys.

As a new admissions secretary at Missouri Southern, Hoover does just that.

"One of my goals was fulfilled when I received this job," she said.

Hoover's employment began Dec. 21, with duties that include data-entry and enrolling students.

From Liberal, Hoover drives back and forth to work daily. She says she loves working at the College and that her co-workers have been courteous in making her feel a part of the admissions office.

One other goal Hoover recently achieved was graduating from Vatterott College in Joplin.

"I heard about this secretarial position through the Vatterott placement office. I applied for an interview and got the job,"

she said.

Now, Hoover is striving to obtain her last two goals: buying a new house and a new car.

Besides receiving this job, Hoover has other highlights and interests in her life. She is the middle of two sisters and two brothers. Hoover spends extra time riding her brother's horses.

She also enjoys reading books. Her favorites are Stephen King and murder mysteries. Walking is a fun exercise for Hoover, especially in the summer. Country dancing and shopping are other favorite activities.

The most unusual but fascinating interest is her bowed-psaltery—a string instrument that is a cross between a harp and violin.

"My whole family is very musically talented, and I play my bowed-psaltery with them a lot," she said. Hoover did not take lessons, but can play by ear.

Probably her greatest joy is her 3-year-old son, Jacob.

"Jacob is little bitsy, but smart as a whip," Hoover said with a

smile. "He has big brown eyes with dark, long eyelashes. People say he looks just like me when I was younger."

Most of her time is spent with Jacob; she even plays her bowed-psaltery for him.

"There should be a Jacob dictionary because he has his own little language," Hoover said with a laugh. "Pizza for us would be zitz-zits for him. He also loves to roller skate, but of course he calls it nate-nate."

She has high hopes and expectations for her son. Hoover has started a savings account for Jacob to go to college.

Her advice to college students: "No matter how hard it is, stick with it because it is worth everything in the end."

"I admire people with dedication to stick by others and help them no matter what," Hoover said.

Her previous job was at Oxford Health Care, where she worked with the elderly and disabled. Hoover also volunteered for the Area Agency on Aging.

MSTV

'Film freak' joins staff

Tucker enjoys 'marriage' of academia, film at Southern

By CHRIS MILLER
CHART REPORTER

Not many people can say that by the time they are 27, they have a film credit to their name.

Kyle Tucker can. The special projects director for Ozarks Public Television and Missouri Southern Television considers that his greatest accomplishment.

"That film is my pride and joy; I worked my butt off for it," he said.

The film, *King of the Mountain*, is an 11-minute film. Tucker wrote, cast, and directed the project.

"It was great; I had 24 child actors. Kids are wonderful to work with," he said. "They don't act; they just play."

"I took the film to a guy in L.A., and he agreed to run it before features," Tucker said. The film also played at a Southern Film Society screening.

"That was a trip," Tucker said smiling. "After it was over, the room was silent, and I thought they hated it."

"Then this guy jumped up and shook my hand."

Kyle has been a "film freak" for quite some time.

"I've been obsessed since I was a little kid," he said.

He has also written a full-length feature, which he says "has received positive responses from people in the business." However, Tucker does not follow the mainstream directors.

"Most of my favorite filmmakers are not well known," he said, "like Australian Peter Weir (*The*



TUCKER

Year of Living Dangerously) and John Schlesinger (*Midnight Cowboy*).

But what about Stephen Spielberg?

"What you see on screen is who that director is."

Tucker describes himself as an easy-going person who "wants to make everyone's life

as easy as possible."

Tucker received his master's degree in English from Southwest Missouri State University. He was writing in

“That is what a director's job is—letting the picture tell the story. Film becomes an extension of your personality. What you see on screen is who that director is.”

—Kyle Tucker

"He's no storyteller," Tucker said. "He's great at pictures, but he's no storyteller."

"That is what a director's job is—letting the picture tell the story," Tucker added. "Film becomes an extension of your personality."

the Catskills when he heard of the position at Missouri Southern.

"What I know is academia, what I love is film and video, so this job is the perfect marriage of the two," he said.

REGIONAL CRIMINALISTICS LABORATORY

Former student working in forensics

After various careers and Vietnam, Davis settles down with fingerprints

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Playing with super glue and fluorescent powder is how Mike Davis spends his days. Davis, a forensic analyst for the Regional Criminalistics Laboratory at Missouri Southern, is a fingerprint expert.

He says the best part of his job is the challenge and excitement of knowing he can help convict or acquit someone of a crime.

When Davis is not working on a case, he figures out how to get fingerprints off different surfaces.

"I want to learn as much about what I am doing as I can," he said.

Before becoming a forensic analyst, he spent 10 years in the automotive industry as well as time in construction, insurance sales, teaching, and the military.

Davis worked his way through college by doing construction work. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., in 1966. He then was drafted for Vietnam and assigned to do drug analysis for the criminal investigation division.

"I did not really have a superior officer or commander; I had work to do and a certain time to do it. As long as I got my work done on time, everything was OK," Davis said.

Upon his return to the U.S., he

spent five years in insurance sales and 10 years in the automotive industry, which brought him to Moosho. In 1988 he attended the Missouri Southern Police Academy so he could become a Newton County sheriff reserve deputy.

"It's a way of giving something back to society, a public service," Davis said.

In 1990, after deciding he would like to resume his career as a chemist, he returned to Southern to get his teaching certificate. He spent 1992-93 year in the Bevier School District teaching chemistry, biology, general science, physics, and algebra.

Davis then took Dr. John Knapp's summer geology class. Don Seneker, former director of the Police Academy, was auditing the class and told Davis about the Southern job

position opening.

He joined the Southern staff in August. The first day he "spent hours learning how to get fingerprints off of different surfaces."

When not in the crime lab or an active reserve, Davis, 50, enjoys spending time with his wife, Judy, who teaches nursing at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, and his two daughters, Sherry and Kara.

"My daughters are my biggest accomplishments; at this point in their lives they are both extremely successful," he said.

Davis does not want to change any part of his life.

"If you go back and take a piece of the puzzle [out of your life], you take a part of what you are out [of your life]." However, he wishes he could be "20 years younger and know what I know now."



DAVIS



DURHAM

ADMISSIONS

Durham: Enjoy college, keep busy

By TRICIA HILSABECK
CHART REPORTER

Can you say dastardliness? Tammara Durham cannot only say it but can tell you what it means.

Durham, an admissions counselor and vocational/technical specialist at Missouri Southern, has a vocabulary as long as her title due to her unusual hobby of reading the dictionary. "You can never know too much," she says.

Durham grew up in Kansas City. Her parents, both educators, helped her acquire her love for learning. In fact, if given the chance to do anything she wanted, she would go to school full-time and study abroad.

One reason for the interest in school just might be the aspect of time. In her opinion, the hours and vacations for the average college student are pretty

good. "See if you can find a job with spring break..." she says with a laugh.

Durham has always been involved in school and the activities that accompany it. She was in her high school through the track team, student council, the business club, cheerleading, and Students Against Drunk Driving.

As a student at Southwest Missouri State University she sang with the gospel choir, was a dorm resident, and worked on the student newspaper. Her advice for the college experience as a whole is to use instructors' office hours, and simply "Enjoy it!" She should know, as she graduated just last summer.

Job opportunity is what led her to pack up her large teddy bear collection and move to Joplin late last fall. One look at her office, and it is evident that teddy bears are a few of her favorite things.

"I have big ones, little ones...all kinds," she says, "even some I haven't

unpacked yet."

Along with those material objects, she has brought with her strong values and goals. Her family has always been supportive and important part of her life.

"My mother is my mentor," she says. Her aunt and her uncle, who is a minister, have also been instrumental in her life. However, a family of her own is not in the picture for this 24-year-old.

In her spare time Durham can be found comfortably at home being what she calls a "homebody." Playing cards, watching movies, and reading history are a few of the things she enjoys. But one thing she doesn't enjoy is time spent in the kitchen. "I don't cook," she says emphatically.

A couple of inspirations in her life are the "Serenity Prayer" and the poem "Footprints." What keeps her moving forward is challenge and change.

"Start early and aim high," she says. But above all, "Just get a degree."

SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and so on...

ON CAMPUS

Spiva Art Center
623-0183
44th Spiva Annual
Competitive through April
7
Taylor Auditorium
417-625-9393
April 13-16—Quilters

JOPLIN

Champ's
782-4944
Tomorrow and Saturday
Night Train
The Bypass
624-9095
Tomorrow—Coco Mon-
toya—Blues Artist

SPRINGFIELD

Springfield Art Museum
417-866-2716
—SDC Craftsman Exhibit
—Fifty Years of Printmak-
ing by Mauricio Lasansky
Springfield Ballet
1-800-962-2787
April 28—David Parsons
Dance Co. and the Billy
Taylor Jazz Trio

COLUMBIA

The Blue Note
314-874-1944
Tonight—Leo Kottke
Tomorrow—Millian's,
Chuck Stop Love and
Steak Daddy
Saturday—Spankin' Rufus
and the Urge

KANSAS CITY

Blaney's Downunder
Westport
816-561-3747
Tomorrow and Saturday—
Dip Jimmy and the True
Blues
Grand Emponium
816-531-504
Tonight—Spankin' Rufus
Tomorrow and Saturday—
Anson Thunderbird and
the Rockets
Johnson Community
College
913-469-3836
Sunday—
Family Fun Fest '94
Noon-5 p.m.
Fooly Theatre
816-561-9999
Saturday—Trio @ Milano
Plaza Dinner Playhouse
816-756-2266
South Pacific
through April 30

ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights
314-421-3853
Tonight—Larry McCray
Tomorrow—Regional
Music Showcase
Saturday—Blue Daze
Uniks Club
314-367-1900
Tonight—Nine Day Won-
der and Like
Tomorrow and Saturday—
Paint The Earth
Kennedy's
314-421-3655
Tomorrow and Saturday—
Regional Music Festival
Plaza Dinner Playhouse
816-756-2266
Tonight through April 30
South Pacific

TULSA

Uncle Bentley's
918-664-6967
Tonight—Steven Pryor
Tomorrow and Saturday—
Gus Hardaway
Tulsa Performing Arts
Center
918-741-6006
The Mighty Casey
through Sunday

Fayetteville

Rivercity
501-521-7655
Tonight—Oreo
Tomorrow—The Wake
Saturday—Dolly
Automatic

ART NEWS

Exhibit showcases student's talents

By ERIN HOLLAND
ARTS EDITOR

Starting April 24, the work of most senior art majors will be on display in the Spiva Art Center.

The exhibits will showcase 20-30 works by each artist.

"This is a culmination of their work over their years here," said Garry Hess, assistant professor of art. "It is a requirement to graduate, and it will show all types of works."

Students decide which of their works will be featured in their exhibit.

Three different exhibits will be shown until the end of the semester.

"I will be showing about 25 of my works," said Rae-Lene

Nickols, senior studio art major. "I have watercolors, acrylics, weavings."

"A lot of my work is touchy-feely type pieces."

Nickols hopes to become involved in art therapy after graduation.

Nickols' work is geared to accommodate the world of hand-capped people.

"I want to show the people what art is like from a hand-capped person's viewpoint," she said. "So often a wheelchair-bound person will go to an art museum and the paintings are all hung at 5 feet, 8 inches."

Jeff Callison, Ronda Fanning, and Anita Looney, all senior studio art majors, will also display their works in the first exhibit.

SIGMA TAU DELTA

Poets present work to public in BSC

By P.J. GRAHAM
MANAGING EDITOR

Two faculty members will put aside looking at their students' works for an hour next week to present their own work to the public.

Sigma Tau Delta, the English honor society, is sponsoring a poetry reading featuring two faculty members, Dr. Joy Dworkin and Dr. Bill Kumbier, assistant professors of English. The reading will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Room 306 of the Billingsly Student Center.

"We felt we should give the campus and public a chance to hear these fine poets who happen to be on campus," said Dr. Doris Walters, Sigma Tau Delta sponsor.

The reading is expected to last an hour and benefit those who study or enjoy poetry.

"We feel that poetry is not only to be read," said Rhea Lynn Passmore, Sigma Tau Delta secretary, "but heard."

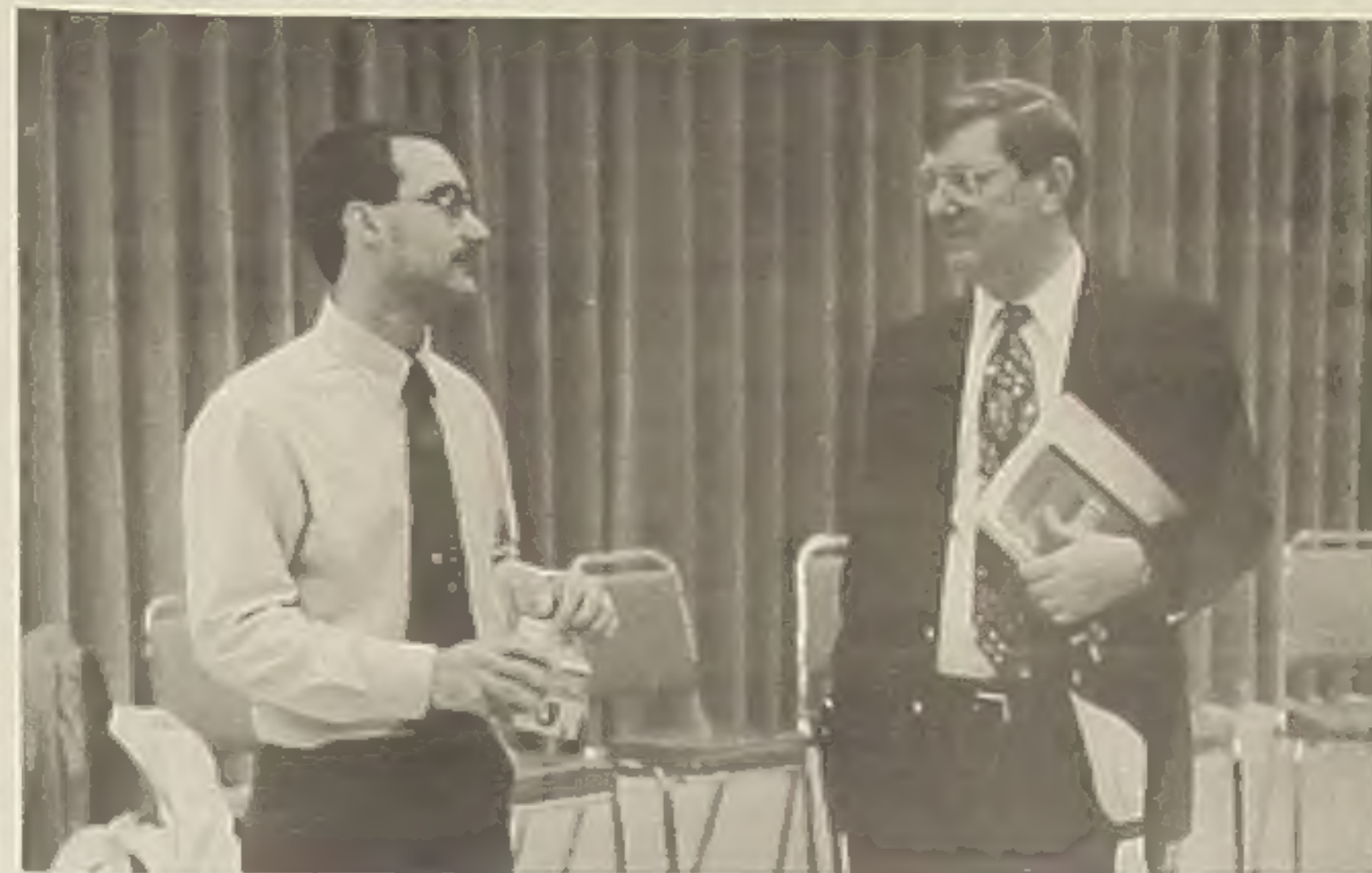
Dworkin, who teaches some of the creative writing classes offered at Missouri Southern, has had her work printed in several publications, including *The Paris Review*, *English Journal*, *Epiphany* and *Illuminations*. She will also be published in an anthology, *Witnessing Earth*.

Dworkin said she has participated in many poetry readings and workshops.

"I like to give readings and get feedback," she said.

She said one of the best parts of readings is hearing poetry

A SINCERE THANKS



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Brian Rash, senior music education major, chatted with Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music, Tuesday night after Rash's recital. Meeks has been Rash's trumpet tutor for the last seven semesters.

MUSIC NEWS

Talent shines at two recitals

By ERIN HOLLAND
ARTS EDITOR

Senior spring recitals, a requirement to be eligible to graduate with a bachelors of science in music education started last Tuesday.

Two seniors, Marie Anzjon Convis, music education major, and Brian Rash, music education major, performed in Webster Hall Tuesday. Convis, playing the clarinet, performed four compositions.

"I started playing 12 years ago because of my family," said Convis.

Convis performed works by Mozart and Becker.

"I played different eras of music," she said. "Mozart is contemporary, and Becker is romantic."

"I like the classical compositions the best."

Convis has been taking private lessons from Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, for the last four years.

Rash, who plays the trumpet, played five different compositions.

"Four of my works were edited by Himie Voxman," he said. "I had the opportunity

to speak to Mr. Voxman." Voxman, who taught music at the University of Iowa for 26 years, recently retired.

"He knew most of my composers; he had even taught one of them," Rash said. "He wished me good luck and was flattered that I had called him."

Rash began playing the trumpet in the fifth grade. He has taken private lessons for the last seven semesters from Robert Meeks, assistant professor of music.

"Mr. Meeks has been wonderful," Rash said. "He is so dynamic and is just an excellent teacher."

Rash plans to teach high school band after graduation.

"I like kids and I like music; this way I can get the two of them together," he said. "I would love to stay in the area, but I'll take what I can get."

Accompanying Rash on four of his compositions was Connie Ester, senior music education major.

"She is a great pianist and one of my closest friends," he said. "She is so full of life."

Shawn Riley and Mark Stamps joined him in Tele-mann's Trumpet Tune, his final piece.

SOUTHERN THEATRE

Play tells pioneer women's tale

By WILLIAM GRUBBS
STAFF WRITER

Don't make plans for Wednesday—Southern Theatre opens *Quilters*, its final production of the season.

Based on the book *The Quilters: Women and Domestic Art*, the play is the story of a pioneer and her six daughters. It combines music and dance and displays the courage and spirit of the nation's pioneer women.

"It's told through the eyes of women," said cast member Bethany Bycroft. "It's basically about different pioneer women who crossed the U.S."

Bycroft said *Quilters* is told through individual accounts.

"There are different monologues and very little dialogue," she said.

Gerri-Ellen Johnston, choreographer, co-vocal director, and cast member, said emotion is

very important in this play.

"It will touch an area of emotion in everyone's heart," she said.

According to Johnston, *Quilters* has a theme that is appealing to many people here in the four-state area.

"It's life," she said.

Bycroft said she enjoys the play because it is full of many personal references.

"It is very true to Midwest life," she said.

Dr. Jay Fields, theatre department head, said he enjoys the aspect of musicals.

"I really love working with theatre," he said. "Musicals are that much more interesting. It's real exciting as an artist to start with nothing and see something come together."

Fields has passion for theatre appreciation.

"Theatre is a living and breathing piece of art," he said. "Theatre makes you think."

Not only does Fields want theatre to make people think, but also to challenge them.

"I miss the aspect of offering challenging, thought-provoking, slap-in-the-face theatre," he said. "Theatre in no way dictates what should be done; it dictates what is done."

Cast members have been rehearsing for the upcoming production since February.

"It's been tough work," said Margaret Becker, cast member. "Most people in the public eye don't realize how much we rehearse."

"I think it's a very powerful show," said Lisa Olliges, cast member. "It's funny how looking back in history can reflect things about today's women."

The play will run Wednesday, April 13 through Saturday, April 16 with all shows beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

THE FINAL SHOW



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Quilters, the last production by the Missouri Southern theatre department this year, will start Wednesday. Persons interested in ticket information can call 625-9393 during regular school hours.

STONE'S THROW

Theatre holds open auditions for roles

Open auditions for *Morning Star*, a Gary Blackwood play, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre in Carthage.

Morning Star is the story of Belle Starr's early life in the antebellum Carthage of the 1850s. Starr's family ran a hostelry on the north side of the public square in early Carthage.

According to director Henry Heckert, a cast of 13 of more will be needed. At least half of the cast will be young people ages 12-20.

Roles are also available for older persons playing the parts of family members and in town

Carthaginians.

Anyone is eligible to audition with no special preparation required.

Heckert added that all that was necessary was a willingness to "commit to the rehearsal process."

Rehearsals begin in early May, with the show to be performed June 15-18.

This will be the final production of the season for the theatre.

This is the second play of Blackwood's to be put on at Stone's Throw.

Persons interested in finding out more information can call 417-358-9665.

Question Du Jour

Q: Who was the original drummer for the Beatles?

Answer to last week's question: Boston Red Sox and the Boston Braves.

AIR TIME



Scott Read, 16, of Joplin, uses a trampoline to go strong to the hoop at Duquesne Elementary School.

JOHN HACKER/The Chart

POLICE

Detail seeks to disrupt trouble on Main Street

Extra officers to deter crime on weekends

By HEIDI WEAVER
STAFF WRITER

Main Street is getting special attention on the weekends from Joplin police.

On April 1, the Joplin Police Department reinforced its Main Street detail with 11 officers patrolling on foot, bicycle, and by car each weekend.

"This is the first of the cruising year, and we want to make sure we have a handle on it now," said Lt. Lance Nichols, of the JPD.

Nichols said the patrols will increase only on weekends, for the time being.

"The main traffic problem is on Friday and Saturday nights," he said. "If the traffic picks up, then we will have to increase (on other) nights."

Increased patrols on Main Street will not take away from normal police responsibilities, he said.

"The officers are off-duty so they are paid time-and-a-half," Nichols said. "Patrols in the rest of the city are still as strong as they were."

Most Main Street cruisers are not in favor of the new detail.

"It wouldn't be a big deal if they were concentrating on the people who were causing the major problems," said Stacy Gamble, 16, a Joplin High School sophomore. "It seems that they are just reaching to pull people over for anything they can."

Other cruisers say they think the JPD initiative is a form of harassment.

"Cruising is never going to

stop," said Amber Harwell, 16, a JHS sophomore. "The more they want us to stop, the more we are going to do it. I just wish they would leave us alone."

Nichols said cruising is not the major problem.

"We don't have a problem with cruising, per se," he said. "There are a lot of noisy, ram-bunctious people. Also people throwing trash in doorways of businesses."

The Memorial Hall parking lot will be opened to cruisers on weekends this summer,

except when special events are held.

"The problem has increased over the years because (cruisers) have a lot more spendable income," Nichols said. "They have the money, car, and the time."

The Main Street detail will focus on numerous types of problems which have been occurring on Main Street, including minors in possession of intoxicants, littering and urinating around business areas, loitering, traffic violations, and noise violations.

MAIN STREET DETAIL

25	Traffic Violations	0	Seat Belt Violations	3
X	Obstructing an Intersection	7	Use of Crosswalk	1
1	Littering	1	Driving While Intoxicated	3
2	Driving While Suspended	2	Minor Violations	7
2	Minor in Possession	2	Shopping Cart	1
3	Other Alcohol Violation	3	No Left Turn	1
11	Littering	11		

Sources: JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ELECTION '94

Burton, West to vie for legislative seat

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

The race for one of Joplin's seats in the Missouri House of Representatives pits two veteran politicians against each other.

Jim West, Democrat, and incumbent Gary Burton, Republican, will be running against each other for the 128th District seat.

"I like my chances," Burton said. "I feel I have tremendous public support."

"I feel I have higher visibility," West said. "People know me and my name and what I stand for."

West said he stands for the "people's name."

"I feel I represent the common people," he said. "I know what it's like to look for a job, being a union worker at Fleming Foods [which will soon close]."

Burton said his stance in the legislature has been pro-life, pro-business, and pro-environment.

"There has to be a meeting point between the two (business and environment)," he said. "You have to take everybody seriously."

Both candidates, not surprising-

ly, would like to see more industry move into the area.

"I have worked with other representatives to help bring industry to Joplin," Burton said.

"I would like to try to bring bigger industry to Joplin," West said. "I think this area has a lot to offer."

Burton has been in the legislature for three terms (six years) and has worked on various committees at the State Capitol. He has been an insurance salesman in Joplin for the past 25 years

and has a real estate investment company. He also served on the Joplin City Council for two terms.

"People know I am a state representative who cares,"

Burton said. West was elected to the Joplin City Council in 1988, has a 100 percent attendance record, and served on the city traffic committee from 1982 to 1988. He has been involved in "Christmas in April," a volunteer group which helps fix up homes for those who cannot afford to. He is also in charge of public relations for the Joplin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).



West



Burton

They are not your ordinary livestock. The emu: alternative to cattle raising?

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

When someone says they raise livestock on their farm, one usually thinks of cows, horses, hogs and maybe sheep. But how about an emu?

Emus are large, flightless Australian birds related to the ostrich. They are one of the fastest-growing alternatives to the agriculture/livestock business in the United States.

The emu industry has become an ideal diversification for farmers and ranchers seeking an alternative to the traditional forms of livestock. One unique characteristic of the emu is the various uses for a single animal.

"They have a little pocket of oil on their backs," said Lee Kahanek, who raises and breeds emus south of Neosho. "The oil is highly sought after in the cosmetics industry as well as the medical industry. That is probably the most expensive item in an emu."

Emu egg shells are used in arts and crafts, the toe nails

are used as an abrasive in the jewelry industry, and emu offal and bones may contribute to feed other livestock. The leather is considered to be attractive and durable. Emu feathers are in demand by the fashion industry and other businesses.

"The hides have a finer grain than ostriches, and they are more suitable for fashions such as dresses, shoes, coats, jackets, and briefcases," Kahanek said.

A female emu will lay approximately 40-45 eggs a year weighing from 450 to 700 grams each.

"The pairs are mates for life," Kahanek said. "If you try to change mates, they will fight. If something would happen and I had to find another male, I would put them in a really small area and put something between them where they would have to use the same water and food trough."

"Of course, it would be a small area so they would have to bed together. After a month of everyday eating and drinking and sleeping together, you could take the partition down and hope they get along. If they don't, you have to start all over again."

During the egg-laying season, emus will lay eggs between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on every third day.

"After an egg is laid, we immediately pick it up and bring it inside the room temperature and

wash it," Kahanek said. "The next day we put it into a shoebox and take it to Arkansas. A man there charges me \$25 for eggs that don't hatch and \$125 for eggs that do hatch."

By nature, emus are calm, docile birds, much like the ostrich. They can be successfully raised in any climate and adapt readily to cold as well as heat.

Currently, there is a strong market for good breeder stock. In years to come, there may be emu markets as there are cattle markets now.

"I believe there will be markets and slaughter yards in the next few years," Kahanek said.



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Emus, like these at Lee Kahanek's farm, can run more than \$30,000 a pair.

GUNS, from page 5

health and safety, they would either be banned or be made subject to the most rigorous restrictions.

As it is, those rules that exist are laughable. Experience shows that nothing small-scale, or local, stands a chance; city or state bans on handguns merely create a ready market for gun entrepreneurs in surrounding jurisdictions. Laws must be federal, or nothing. Bans do not work. A ban on something as commonly owned, traded and

demand as handguns would create a distorted market controlled by gangs and rackets, as drugs are controlled now.

As pointers to what is possible, cars provide a useful comparison. These are designed to the strictest standards of safety and utility; a car that was designed merely for mayhem, as some guns are, would be banned at the point of manufacture. Car-owners, by law, are trained in a proper code of conduct before they are licensed;

the car itself is registered, and all details are filed on a police are able to follow it up. Manufacturers, dealers, owners, even governments, all share responsibility for reducing the social dangers of the internal combustion engine. A similar alliance is now essential in the case of guns.

Among the federal measures that have never yet been tried, the most effective would be much stiffer inspection, licensing and regulation from the

gun-makers onward; registration of guns and their owners; effective policing by a much-expanded Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; mandatory recording sales and reporting of thefts; extremely high taxes on ammunition, and higher penalties both for violations by dealers and for use of guns by criminals. Technology is on the right side: computers will make registration and tracking of firearms and their owners ever easier to do. The purpose

of these laws would be both to restrict supply and to put that supply, from the production line onward, in more responsible and accountable hands.

Yet guns, it is always said, cannot be treated this way. The first obstacle is market forces. Demand for guns is huge and, at present, insensitive to price. Supply cannot be held down until demand is checked, too—until, that is, Americans begin to believe that they do not need guns to protect themselves.

This calls for a fight against crime on many fronts; broad and narrow, ranging from neighborhood crime-watching to more police on beat, to less reliance on plea-bargaining and tighter parole for habitual offenders, to the legislation of drugs and the restoration of private enterprise in the inner cities. It is a tall order; and every element may be necessary. None is likely to work in isolation.

ELECTION '94

Missouri voters sink riverboat gambling

Lawmakers scramble to find lost revenue

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

While riverboat gambling was sinking at the polls, Missouri lawmakers began the scramble to replace the lost revenue.

The measure was expected to generate more than \$69 million. Rep. Chris Kelly (D-Columbia), chairman of the House budget committee, yesterday told that body it had some things to reconsider.

"The (Tuesday) vote only sank games of chance," he said. "However, the slot machines are the big money-makers for riverboats."

"I am told they generate about 70 percent of the revenue for the boats."

The loss of such revenue means Kelly and his committee have about \$55 million less to dole out in fiscal year 1995. Kelly told lawmakers the Missouri Gaming Commission has estimated that riverboats

operating only with poker and blackjack will generate nearly \$15 million.

"We may or may not want to trust that (estimate), he said. "The lottery officials have also given us an update and say we can expect about \$10 million more than we counted on."

Although Kelly termed the gaming estimate "optimistic," he said the committee has a little more room than it first believed.

"We will have to look at general revenue," he said. "We can cut here and there and try to take some off general revenue."

On the Senate side, Sen-

Norman Merrell (D-Monticello) said the negative vote on riverboat gambling could be interpreted in several ways.

"If the people in the state of Missouri decide they are going to go the route of using gambling money to run the state, then this is a blow," he said. "I don't think you can build a state budget on gambling from year to year. I don't think you can build a foundation you can count on."

Merrell said essential state services such as education may receive less but will not be significantly harmed by the amendment's failure.

"We have been prepared for this possibility all along," he said. "We have a budget that is \$23 million less than the House proposed and \$27 million less than what the governor requested. There is room in there to shift money and take care of those needs."

"Remember that these numbers begin as requests. It just means the Christmas sock won't be quite as full."

The Senate is expected to take up its budget on the floor today. Merrell said he will amend the budget to force the entire package into a conference committee.

HIGHER
EDUCATION
BRIEFSCMSU narrows
field of finalists

Central Missouri State University has narrowed its search for a vice president for academic affairs to three finalists, who each visited the campus last week.

The finalists are James Ciccarelli, dean of the college of business at Youngstown State University; Robert Perry, chief executive officer of Partnership for Statewide Education in Indiana and associate vice president of Ball State University; and J.P. Mees, interim vice president for academic affairs at CMSU.

The decision is now up to President Ed Elliott, who will recommend his choice to the CMSU Board of Regents.

CMSU received approximately 130 applications before reducing the number to 34 after an initial screening.

Keisler tables
Hancock II
radical initiative

Dr. John Keisler, president of Southwest Missouri State University, said he is "unequivocally opposed" to the Hancock II amendment.

"I have had firsthand experience with tax initiatives in three other states," Keisler said. "From Idaho, I watched as California and Oregon suffered through tax initiatives. Then, Idaho passed its own initiative."

"I am, therefore, speaking from experience when I tell you that Hancock II is the most radical tax initiative of the four I have seen."

Keisler said if SMSU lost \$15 million to \$20 million in annual state appropriations, the university probably would have to eliminate intercollegiate athletics and at least one college, reduce employees by about 20 percent (400 employees), eliminate maintenance and repair, and reduce remaining operating budgets by at least 20 percent.

"It would be irresponsible for me to remain silent on Hancock II, especially with my firsthand experience," Keisler said. "For that reason, I have spoken in news conferences, to student groups, to alumni and donors, to city officials, and even to Rep. Hancock himself."

Northwest inks
franchise deal
with Taco Bell

Next fall, Northwest Missouri State University students won't have to run to the border, or even to St. Joseph, to grab a bite to eat at Taco Bell.

Northwest Campus Dining has signed a contract with Taco Bell for a Taco Bell Express franchise on the lower level of the J.W. Jones Union. The restaurant will open in time for classes next August.

"This addition to Campus Dining was student-driven," said Jerry Throener, director of dining services. "Our recent surveys have indicated that Taco Bell was what our students wanted most."

Throener said tentative hours for Taco Bell Express will be 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. No hours have yet been set for the weekend, although he did say the restaurant will be open on the weekends.

Tarkio alumni
hope to reopen
as 2-year school

Tarkio College, which closed its doors in 1991, could reopen as a community college under a plan proposed by the college's alumni association.

The plan calls for Tarkio Valley Community College to operate out of space leased in downtown Tarkio, a city of about 2,200 in northwest Missouri. The association wanted to return Tarkio College's 63-acre campus, but decided it could not afford the \$1.5 million price.

Alumni hope to open this fall if enough money is collected by mid-May. Organizers expect 80 students the first year and up to 175 students within five years.

The Missouri General Assembly is considering legislation to buy the original campus and use it for a prison.

LEARNING YOUNG



Laurie and Raymond Palmer watch debate on the House floor with their three children; (Left to Right) Erica, Jessica, and Curtis. The girls, too young to act as pages, instead played the feet of lawmakers.

T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

AMENDMENT NO. 3

Gaming backers
eyeing new vote

Lawmakers sort options as amendment fails

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Missouri voters have decided not to take a chance on slot machines.

Constitutional Amendment No. 3, which would have permitted games of chance on Missouri riverboats, was defeated Tuesday by 1,261 votes. The result is a significant reversal of the first vote 17 months earlier. In that election, voters endorsed the measure with 62 percent in favor of gaming. The Missouri Supreme Court subsequently found portions of the first proposal unconstitutional, forcing Tuesday's vote.

Despite the results, riverboats could operate with blackjack and poker tables. The state's high court ruled those to be games of skill and thereby legal.

"Riverboat gambling in Missouri is not dead," said Sen. Norman Merrell (D-Monticello), chairman of the Senate appropriations committee. "That is what people voted on the first time. What they voted down [Tuesday] was legalizing games of chance."

House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron) said he is not sure why the voters changed their minds on the issue.

"I haven't analyzed all that," he said. "I don't know to what extent the weather played in the results. I also cannot say what percentage of eligible voters participated in the election."

State officials are considering a number of options, including a new amendment in August or November.

"I think as much effort, lobbying dollars, and time that was spent on this issue means it will appear again on the ballot," said Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca). "It is just a matter of when."

Singleton said such a measure probably would survive another round of debate in the legislature.

"It had the votes the first time," he said. "Since this requires a vote of the people, it would probably get through."

Because the difference was less than 1 percent, the legislature could call for a recount. "Those can be costly," Singleton said. "But with an election that close, I'd ask for a recount."

MISSOURI HEALTH ASSURANCE PLAN

Good guys, bad guys line up in health-care battle

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Peter DiSimone sees the health-care reform battle as a fight between bad guys and good guys.

"Today we meet as the tribe of white hats supporting House Bill 1622," said DiSimone, executive director of the Missouri Association for Social Welfare. "There has been entirely too much lobbying against the bill and a weakening of the bill behind closed doors."

DiSimone's comments opened a meeting of supporters of

HB1622, the Missouri Health Assurance Plan. Advocates of the measure, sponsored by House Speaker Bob Griffin (D-Cameron), praised the broad reforms contained in the plan.

"This plan shows a genuine concern for the more than 600,000 Missourians who do not have insurance," said Susan Wilson of the Missouri Coalition for Primary Care. "The representatives in the legislature need to recognize the problem and address it on more than a piecemeal or band-aid basis."

"We believe this administration has the opportunity to be

architects of significant and lasting change in health care."

Each of the advocates presented support for the measure based on their perspective.

Marie Nowack of the American Association of Retired Persons said Missouri cannot lag behind.

"We have to do something about long-term care," she said. "This bill is an opportunity to get something done."

"It's time for Missouri to move ahead. It always seems Missouri is last or close to last when it comes time to act."

Pat Harvey, executive director of Missouri Citizens for Action,

said this bill is different than past measures.

"In the past we have felt the legislation was not comprehensive enough," he said. "Unlike those bills, this has a core of valid, significant, and lasting changes."

Among these, Harvey cited insurance reforms.

"Health insurance was initially intended to spread the risk," he said. "Instead, it has turned into a business of avoiding risk for the companies."

"By creating a pool based on community ratings and providing a comprehensive package of

benefits and allowing everyone to join during an open enrollment period, this bill meets most of our requirements."

Lon DeFoe, a representative of the Missouri Catholic conference, said his organization supports MOHAP for three reasons.

"First, it approaches access to health care as a human right; second, it promotes and defends the sanctity of human life at all stages; and third, where public policy choices have been made because of limited resources, it gives preferential treatment to those persons in the margins of society."

HB 1250

Steinmetz takes aim
on domestic violence

Bill requires specific training, protocols for key players

By T.R. HANRAHAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Two public servants want to fight crime in the home.

"There is a lot of talk about doing something about violent crime," said Claire McCaskill, Jackson County prosecutor. "We have addressed sentencing and strengthening penalties, but House Bill 1250 is probably the most useful one you could pass in reducing violent crime in the state of Missouri."

Rep. Kaye Steinmetz (D-Florissant), sponsor of HB 1250, said the measure is designed to improve access to and training for those assisting victims of domestic violence.

"This requires specific training and protocols for key players and notices to be sent to victims

on how to find these centers or individuals," she said.

Steinmetz presented some startling statistics to the Senate civil and criminal jurisprudence committee yesterday.

"When you think of crime, realize that one-half of all reported acts of violent crime are the result of domestic violence," she said. "It is the leading single cause of injury among women treated in emergency rooms."

"It is the third leading cause of death among women exceeded only by cancer and heart disease."

Steinmetz said the state needs to become active in solving the problem.

"With [the Department of Health] leading the way, we can provide a state plan and educate the public," she said.

FIDDLIN' AROUND



T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

Fiddler Taylor McBaine entertains a group of school children with his mid-time music Tuesday at the Union Hotel at the Jefferson Landing. McBaine has been pleasing audiences with his fiddle for 77 years.

BASEBALL

Confident Lions head to St. Louis

By ERIN HOLLAND
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Coming off a successful weekend sweep, the Missouri Southern baseball team will head east this weekend to face Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Southern is 23-12 overall and 9-0 in the MIAA.

Tomorrow, the squad will take on SIU-E in a 1 p.m. double-header in Edwardsville. Junior Bobby Hixon will start for the Lions in the first game against the Cougars.

"I just want to make sure that I keep us in the game," he said. "If we've got good defense and our bats are swinging, we'll be all right."

Saturday, the team will move on to UMSL for four conference games against the Rivermen. Two of the games will be played Sunday.

Starting pitchers Saturday will be sophomore Scott Wright and senior Matt Cook. Wright has a 4.61 ERA and has won four of

his five last starts.

"We would like to sweep the four games at UMSL and continuing playing at the level we are capable of," Wright said. "I thought we played really well last weekend."

"Anytime you beat a team four times, it's a good sign that you played well."

Wright was speaking of Southern's 13-1, 17-0, 4-2, and 11-2 sweep of the University of Missouri-Rolla last weekend at Joe Becker Stadium.

Top hitters for the squad this season have been senior outfielders Wayne Wente and Chris Putnam. Wente is hitting .438 for the year with 46 hits to his credit.

"I think all the games this weekend will be tough," Wente said. "I'd say the UMSL games mean a little more because they're conference."

"I think we have a real good chance to do well in the post-season if we keep hitting and pitching as well as we have been."

Putnam went 8 for 11 in the Rolla series to boost his average

HOT CORNER HEAT



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Sophomore catcher Matt Nelson slides safely into third base against Rolla last weekend. Nelson went 3 for 5 with 2 RBI for a .348 batting average last weekend. The Lions swept four games from the Miners.

to .424.

"We're all seeing the ball pretty well, and we're getting a lot of production off the bench," he said.

Sophomore catcher Matt Nelson attributes much of the Lions' success to the unity of the team.

"I feel a lot more confident with the team than in the past," he said. "If someone is getting down, the team is there to pick him up."

Nelson, hitting .348 with a .986 fielding percentage, went 3 for 5 with 5 RBI against Rolla.

"I think we'll do pretty well

this weekend if we keep the bats out," he said. "Last weekend we didn't hit the ball as well in one game, and our defense stepped up and did the job."

"Everyone wants to keep winning, and to do that we'll have to keep playing hard."

TRACK & FIELD

Teams prep for 2 meets

Jason Ramsey will compete in nationals after setting record in 400-meter hurdles

By P.J. GRAHAM
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Keeping in the groove of competing nationally, sophomore Jason Ramsey set a record and received an automatic berth in nationals at the SMSU Invitational last weekend.

Ramsey, who went to national competition for track and field as last year, placed first in the 400-hurdle race in 51.94 seconds, a time good enough to go to the NCAA Division II nationals next month in Raleigh, N.C., and to break the stadium's record.

"He kind of messed up on the second and third hurdles," Coach Tom Rutledge said. "But then he got in gear."

Ramsey also placed third in the high jump and fourth in the 110-meter hurdle at the Springfield meet.

The Lions' relay teams gave a solid performance. Paul Baker, Scott Tarnowiecki, Aaron Zerbonia, and Ramsey took second in the 1600-meter relay race in 3:16.54.

Zerbonia, Tarnowiecki, Ramsey, and Henry Sims grouped together in the 440-relay race for fourth place.

Tarnowiecki also was fourth in the 100 meters, and senior Jason Riddle placed third in the 1500 run.

David Groves took second in the pole vault behind Pittsburg State University's Shad Klinge, and G.W. Posey placed third in the javelin throw.

Southern athletes Matt Houck, John Carter, and Darrell Hicks

filled the block of fifth, sixth, and seventh places, respectively, in the shot put.

The women were highlighted by Kim Dinnin's second-place finish in the high jump.

Mary Adamson was sixth in the triple jump and eighth in the high jump and the 100 hurdles.

The junior was also 10th in the 400 hurdles; meanwhile, teammate Tonya Graham was eighth in the same event.

Nicole Deem was ninth in the 1500-meter event.

This weekend, the Lions and Lady Lions will attend Southeast Missouri State University's meet, although some team members will go to Southwest Baptist University instead.

On April 15-16, Southern will host the first home meet of the season—the MSSC Crossroads Invitational. The meet will have collegiate and high school divisions.

SOCCER

Soccer alumni to play varsity

By CHAD HAYWORTH
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The past will meet the present this weekend when the Missouri Southern soccer program hosts its annual alumni game.

"It's a full-fledged game," said Lion Coach George Greenlee.

"A lot of the former players get to come back and meet with Coach [Hal] Bodon and each other and enjoy some good fellowship."

Greenlee said the event originated during Bodon's stint at the helm of the Lions.

It fell out of favor with the program until last year when Greenlee, in his first year as coach, revived the tradition. Last year the game ended in a 0-0 tie.

"It is a virtual certainty we will beat the alumni," he said. The odds must be better than

50-1."

Former Lion stars Chuck Mathis, Scott Watson, Keith Borucki, Steve Triplett, and Tom Davidson, among others, are expected to attend. Greenlee said 16-18 former Southern players are planning to attend the event which begins at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

"We've been working hard to prepare for this one," he said. "The people who come back for this are some of the top-rate players who have come through our program."

Greenlee said the Lions treat this like any other game.

"This is a chance to get some good, stiff competition," he said.

The Lions are sponsoring youth soccer day to coincide with the alumni festivities, and there will be ceremonies honoring local players ages 7-13 during halftime of the varsity alumni game.

SPORTS COLUMN



DAVID BURNETT

Preserve America's pastime

Major league baseball began its season this week, and it didn't take long for my friend Chris and me to begin our annual debate.

Ever since I can remember, we take it upon ourselves to solve the designated hitter dilemma, and this year will be no exception.

He thinks the designated hitter is good for the game, but I know it's not.

The good Lord intended baseball to be played with nine players—count them, nine players—not 10.

I've heard all of the arguments on the designated hitter's behalf, but none seem justified to me.

The pitcher is part of a team, and yes, he's a very important part, but not so much he shouldn't bat for himself.

My friend insists the pitcher needs to concentrate only on pitching and nothing else.

His argument is that batting is a distraction and not having to do it allows for a better pitching performance.

I'm sure every player would improve his fielding if he didn't have to bat, but hey, it's part of the game and pitchers should be no exception.

The original argument for the designated hitter was that it would improve offensive statistics and therefore make the game more exciting for fans in the American League.

Sure, a few additional runs scored may be exciting, but the amount of excitement taken out of the game because of the designated hitter needs to be considered also.

When a game is in the late innings and the manager has to decide whether he keeps a pitcher in the game or pinch hits for him, excitement is overflowing in a traditional fan.

Managers in the National League earn their money every time their team plays.

This is hard for me to admit because I bleed Kansas City Royal blue.

I hate to admit the Royals play in league that is inferior as far as rules go, but they do.

I watch the Atlanta Braves frequently on TV and really enjoy seeing Tom Glavine or any of the other pitchers can get a hit.

It's exciting when a pitcher gets a hit, and isn't excitement what the American League wanted?

I would like to hear what Ty Cobb and some of the other players who played for the love of the game and not money would have to say about a pitcher who doesn't hit for himself.

Another factor that disgusts me is older players who can't play competitively in the field hanging on another five or six years as a designated hitter. If you can't play the field, then hang up the spikes.

These days, colleges use designated hitters as well as most high schools.

This is a trend that concerns me because a generation of players and fans hasn't experienced the real national pastime, which is a game consisting of nine players, not 10.

I guess a familiar saying I know sums up why people believe in the designated hitter.

"Sometimes when you've been in the dark so long, you get scared of the light."

David Burnett

SOFTBALL

Lipira optimistic in spite of losses

By CHAD HAYWORTH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Despite a three-game slide, Lady Lion Coach Pat Lipira is optimistic about this weekend's CMSU Invitational at Warrensburg.

"Wayne State is ranked second in our region," she said. "If we can beat them, it would be a big boost."

Missouri Southern takes a 23-8 mark into the CMSU Invitational, which also includes Missouri Western State College and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Two of Southern's losses, Tuesday's 1-0 decision to Southwest Baptist University and the 3-1 setback to Pittsburg State University, weigh most heavily on the Lady Lions' minds. Both counted in the MIAA standings and could hurt the squad come conference tournament time.

"We're going to have to beat a lot of teams," Lipira said. "We

may not end up with the best seed going into the conference tournament, but we will play whomever they tell us to."

Southern currently is 0-2 in MIAA play.

The Lady Lions were to have traveled to Emporia today to face the Hornets, but ESU has rescheduled some missed conference games and canceled the matchups with Southern.

Last weekend, the Lady Lions went 4-1 in their own Freeman Sports Medicine Orthopedic Classic, including a 4-0 mark on Friday.

Southern beat Luther College 6-2, Mary College 11-5, SIU-E 10-2, and Morningside College 9-1.

On Saturday, however, the Lady Lions fell 1-0 to Central College, last year's NCAA Division III champion.

Central went on to beat Morningside in the tournament championship.

"We've played about nine good defensive games in a row," Lipira said.

"We've just had a few bad breaks against us."

In Friday's game with SIU-E, junior first baseman Shelly Lundien hit a home run over the fence in right center field. Lipira said it was the first home run she could remember at Lea Kungie Field in Lady Lion history.



PAT LIPIRA

